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SOURCE:

The Bataks¹ have revived the Bintang Timur, (Star of the Orient) a daily newspaper published before the war by Parada Harahap. The N.V. Pertjatakan dan Penerbitbitan Bintang Timur (Star of the Orient Printing and Publishing Company), a limited liability company with an investment of R. 500,000, has been established to handle the paper. It will follow a policy of Indonesian nationalism. Officers are:

Managing Director	M. T. Hutagalung ²	A well-to-do Batak
President of the Board of Directors	J.K. Panggabean	A journalist
Directors	Andjar Asmara	A journalist
	Djody Gondokusumo	Chairman of Partai Rakjat Nasional
25X1A An editor	Mochtar Lubis ³	Editor of the <u>Times of Indonesia</u>

[REDACTED] Comments

An Indonesian radion broadcast announced that the Bintang Timur Printing and Publishing Company would begin publishing an illustrated weekly called Lukisan Dunia in February under the editorship of Andjar Asmara, and that soon would also publish a daily called the Bintang Timur.

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1. The Bataks are one of the few groups in Central Sumatra who were never converted to Islam.
2. Hutagalung was elected chairman of the Press Association of Indonesia on 24 August 1951. At that time he was connected with Merdeka and Berita Indonesia.
3. Lubis is also head of ANTARA, and editor of the Indonesia Raya.

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